

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1-65 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

During a personal Interview with the Examiner on April 27, 2005, the undersigned pointed out places in the specification that provide enabling support for the claim language "each stored message is encoded in the URL encoded string". For example, page 12, lines 20-26 recite:

The application server 66 converts the .wav file, which is a binary file, by using a binary encode process to encode the .wav file into an ASCII string not to exceed 80 columns in width. The string is divided into 80 characters in length, and formatted to resemble a URL encoded string. The application server 66 also generates a header that includes messaging information, for example a "To" field, a "From" field, a "Subject" field, date and timestamp field, and a message format field that specifies the MIME encoding of the original message, for example ".wav" for audio files, ".txt" for e-mail messages, or ".tiff" for image documents such as facsimile transmissions.

In addition, page 15, lines 7-9 recite:

Hence, the application server 66 accesses the LDAP directory 84 for user profile information, and accesses the IMAP message store 86 for retrieval of recorded messages from user directories, that are stored as URL encoded strings within e-mail attachments.

Clearly the above descriptions enable one skilled in the art to make and/or see the claimed invention. Therefore, the §112 first paragraph rejection should be withdrawn.

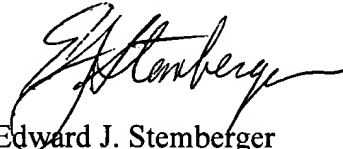
Claims 1, 13-14, 18, 20-23, 31, 44-45, 51-54 and 63-65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,612 to Gifford et al. Claims 2-6, 19, 33-37 and 49-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al.. Claims 7-8 and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al. in view of Scheussler et al. Claims 9-12, 25-26 and 40-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al. in view of Bettis. Claims 24, 27, 55, 58-59 and 62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al. in view of Scheussler et al. and further in view of McCormick et al. Finally, claims 56-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al. in view of Scheussler et al., in view of McCormick et al., and further in view of Bettis. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

During the Interview, the undersigned pointed-out that the claims clearly recite that the stored message is encoded in the URL encoded string. Thus, the URL encoded string contains actual data, as opposed to the conventional use of URLs (as in Gifford et al.) to merely reference (i.e., locate) a resource. Gifford et al. teaches MIME encoding and does not teach or suggest a message in a URL encoded string. Therefore, the rejections based on the primary reference, Gifford et al., should be withdrawn.

The indication that claims 15-17, 28-30, 46-48 and 60-61 is noted with thanks. However, these claims have not been rewritten in independent format since the pending claims are considered to be in condition for allowance for the reasons advanced above.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is and condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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